

Response to Office Action

Claims 1-19 and 21-23 are subject to an election of species of requirement, in the event that no generic claim is held to be allowable: Species I, including claim 5, directed to the embodiment that does not have a coupling device connecting the turbine shaft and braking shaft; and Species II, including claims 6-8, directed at the alternative embodiment that does have a coupling device connecting the turbine shaft and the braking shaft. The claims are further subject to an election of subspecies: (a) including claim 11 directed at bodies connected directly to the braking shaft; and (b) including claim 12 directed at bodies connected to the braking shaft by rigid arms. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-4, 9, 10, 13-19, and 21-23 are generic.

In response, the Applicant elects Species I and subspecies (a).

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2007 for which the one-month date for response is January 12, 2008. A request for a two (2) month extension of the time to respond to the Official Action is hereby made, bringing the date for response to March 12, 2008. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-2183 (Reference Number 21.1106).

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